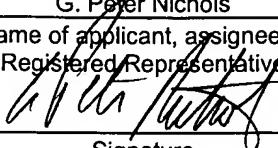


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March 29, 2006

Date of Signature

Case No. 12905/3

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)	
Andrew Vince)	
Serial No.: 10/541,483)	Examiner: unknown
IA Filing Date: 12/24/2003)	Group Art Unit No. unknown
For: METHOD AND APPARATUS)	
FOR PROCESSING)	
PARTICULATE MATERIAL)	

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR § 1.136(a))

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450 – Mail Stop Missing Parts
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This is a petition for an extension of the time to respond to the outstanding PTO 371 Formalities letter dated December 29, 2005 for a period of one month to and including March 29, 2006.

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Applicant:

claims small entity status. See 37 C.F.R. §1.27.

is other than small entity

	<u>Extension Months</u>	<u>Other Than Small Entity</u>	<u>Small Entity</u>
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	One Month	\$120.00	\$60.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Two Months	\$450.00	\$225.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Three Months	\$1,020.00	\$510.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Four Months	\$1,590.00	\$795.00
<input type="checkbox"/>	Five Months	\$2,160.00	\$1,080.00

Fee Payment

Attached is a check for \$ _____ for the Petition fee.

Attached is a credit card authorization form for \$ _____ for the Petition fee.

Charge Petition fee to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Charge any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid to Deposit Account No. 23-1925. A duplicate copy of this Petition is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

Dated: March 29, 2006



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